Assessment Summary

Lower Howard Creek 2.7 to 6.55 KY497285_02

West Fork to Near Winchester Reservoir

Clark County, Kentucky River Basin



This part of the stream does not support aquatic life, does not support swimming (Primary Contact Recreation), does not support the OSRW designated use.

HUC 05100205

Assessment Date: 2/22/2016

Use	Cause of Impairment	Suspected Source(s) of Impairment	Basis for Listing	Data Collection and Analysis Methods 1,2,3
(5-NS)	Nutrient/Eutrophic ation Biological Indicators	Livestock (Grazing or Feeding Operations), Upstream Impoundments (e.g., PI- 566 NRCS Structures)	Problems associated with nutrient enrichment are evident in water quality conditions and/or the aquatic community	Biological Monitoring, Habitat Assessment, Monitoring data more than 5 years old, Physical/Chemical Monitoring
(5-NS)	Organic Enrichment (Sewage) Biological Indicators	Livestock (Grazing or Feeding Operations), Upstream Impoundments (e.g., PI- 566 NRCS Structures)	Problems associated with decaying plant and animal material (e.g. waste) are evident in water quality conditions and/or the aquatic community	Biological Monitoring, Habitat Assessment, Monitoring data more than 5 years old, Physical/Chemical Monitoring
(5-NS)	Specific Conductance	Livestock (Grazing or Feeding Operations), Non-Point Source, Residential Districts	Elevated dissolved substances are negatively affecting the aquatic community	Biological Monitoring, Habitat Assessment, Monitoring data more than 5 years old, Physical/Chemical Monitoring
(5-NS)	Escherichia coli	Livestock (Grazing or Feeding Operations), Non-Point Source	Concentrations exceeded the water quality standard	Monitoring Data Collected by Other Agencies or Organizations, Pathogen Monitoring

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